

or agent of the owner or importer, including a broker. The services of an inspector during regularly assigned hours of duty and at the usual places of duty will be furnished without cost to the importer.

### Subpart—Cut Flowers

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#### § 319.74-1 Definitions.

**Administrator.** The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, or any employee of the United States Department of Agriculture delegated to act in his or her stead.

**Cut flower.** The highly perishable commodity known in the commercial flower-producing industry as a cut flower, which is the severed portion of a plant, including the inflorescence and any parts of the plant attached to it, in a fresh state. This definition does not include dried, bleached, dyed, or chemically treated decorative plant materials; filler or greenery, such as fern fronds and asparagus plumes, frequently packed with fresh cut flowers; or Christmas greenery, such as holly, mistletoe, and Christmas trees.

**Inspector.** Any individual authorized by the Administrator to enforce this subpart.

**United States.** All of the States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and all other territories or possessions of the United States.

#### § 319.74-2 Conditions governing the entry of cut flowers.

(a) **Inspection.** All cut flowers imported into the United States must be made available to an inspector for examination at the port of first arrival and must remain at the port of first arrival until released, or authorized further movement, by an inspector.

(b) **Actions to prevent the introduction of plant pests; notice by an inspector.** If an inspector orders any disinfection, cleaning, treatment, reexportation, or other action with regard to imported cut flowers that are found to be in-

festes with injurious plant pests or infected with diseases, the inspector will provide an emergency action notification (PPQ Form 523) to the importer, owner, or agent or representative of the importer or owner of the cut flowers. The importer, owner, or agent or representative of the importer or owner must, within the time specified in the PPQ Form 523 and at his or her own expense, destroy the cut flowers, ship them to a point outside the United States, move them to an authorized site, and/or apply treatments, clean, or apply other safeguards to the cut flowers as prescribed by the inspector on the PPQ Form 523. Further, if the importer, owner, or agent or representative of the importer or owner fails to follow the conditions on PPQ Form 523 by the time specified on the form, APHIS will arrange for destruction of the cut flowers, and the importer, owner, or agent or representative of the importer or owner will be responsible for all costs incurred. Cut flowers that have been cleaned or treated must be made available for further inspection, cleaning, and treatment at the option of the inspector at any time and place indicated by the inspector before the requirements of this subpart will have been met. Neither the Department of Agriculture nor the inspector may be held responsible for any adverse effects of treatment on imported cut flowers.

(c) **Fumigation for agromyzids.** (1) Cut flowers imported from any country or locality and found upon inspection to be infested with agromyzids (insects of the family Agromyzidae) must be fumigated at the time of importation with methyl bromide in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of this section, with the following exceptions:

(i) Fumigation will not be required for cut flowers imported from Canada (including Labrador and Newfoundland) or Mexico because of the finding of agromyzids.

(ii) Fumigation will not be required for cut flowers of *Chrysanthemum* spp. imported from Colombia or the Dominican Republic because of the finding of agromyzids, when such agromyzids are identified by an inspector to be only agromyzids of the species *Liriomyza trifolii* (Burgess).

(2) *Fumigation schedules.* Fumigation of cut flowers for agromyzids (insects of the family Agromyzidae) must consist of fumigation with methyl bromide at normal atmospheric pressure in a chamber or under a tarpaulin in accordance with one of the following schedules:

- 1½ lbs. per 1,000 cu. ft. for 2 hours at 80-90 °F.  
(19 oz. concentration at first ½ hour)  
(12 oz. concentration at 2 hours); or
- 2 lbs. per 1,000 cu. ft. for 2 hours at 70-79 °F.  
(24 oz. concentration at first ½ hour)  
(16 oz. concentration at 2 hours); or
- 2½ lbs. per 1,000 cu. ft. for 2 hours at 60-69 °F.  
(30 oz. concentration at first ½ hour)  
(20 oz. concentration at 2 hours); or
- 3 lbs. per 1,000 cu. ft. for 2 hours at 50-59 °F.  
(36 oz. concentration at first ½ hour)  
(24 oz. concentration at 2 hours); or
- 3½ lbs. per 1,000 cu. ft. for 2 hours at 40-49 °F.  
(41 oz. concentration at first ½ hour)  
(27 oz. concentration at 2 hours)

NOTE: There is a possibility that some cut flowers could be damaged by such fumigation.

(d) *Irradiation.* Cut flowers and foliage that are required under this part to be treated or subjected to inspection to control one or more of the plant pests listed in §305.31(a) of this chapter may instead be treated with irradiation. Commodities treated with irradiation for plant pests listed in §305.31(a) must be irradiated at the doses listed in §305.31(a), and the irradiation treatment must be conducted in accordance with the other requirements of §305.34 of this chapter. There is a possibility that some cut flowers could be damaged by such irradiation.

(e) *Refusal of entry.* If an inspector finds that imported cut flowers are so infested with a plant pest or infected with disease that, in the judgment of the inspector, they cannot be cleaned or treated, or if they contain soil or other prohibited contaminants, the entire lot may be refused entry into the United States.

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**§319.74-3 Importations by the Department.**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture may import cut flowers for experimental or scientific purposes under such conditions and restrictions as the

Administrator may prescribe to prevent the dissemination of plant pests.

**§319.74-4 Costs and charges.**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will be responsible only for the costs of providing the services of an inspector during regularly assigned hours of duty and at the usual places of duty (provisions relating to costs for other services of an inspector are contained in 7 CFR part 354). The importer, owner, or agent or representative of the importer or owner of cut flowers is responsible for all additional costs of inspection, treatment, movement, storage, or destruction ordered by an inspector under this subpart, including the costs of any labor, chemicals, packing materials, or other supplies required.

**Subpart—Khapra Beetle**

**§319.75 Restrictions on importation of restricted articles; disposal of articles refused importation.**

(a) The Secretary has determined that in order to prevent the entry into the United States of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium* Everts) it is necessary to restrict the importation of certain articles from foreign countries and localities. Accordingly, no person shall import any restricted article unless in conformity with all of the applicable restrictions in this subpart.

(b) Any article refused importation for noncompliance with the requirements of this subpart shall be promptly removed from the United States or abandoned by the importer, and pending such action shall be subject to the immediate application of such safeguards against escape of plant pests as the inspector determines necessary to prevent the introduction into the United States of plant pests. If the article is not promptly safeguarded, removed from the United States, or abandoned by the importer for destruction, it may be seized, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with section 414 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7714).

(c) A restricted article may be imported without complying with other restrictions under this subpart if: